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Erie County to celebrate National County Government Month

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and her administration will celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) during the month of April to showcase how the county achieves healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

The theme for this year's celebration of NCGM is "Counties Matter," demonstrating how counties help to improve people's lives every day, especially for local government workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

New to this year's NCGM celebration is NACo's "I Love My County Because" art contest. This is an opportunity for children and young adults ages 18 and under to create artwork during NCGM for NACo's 2021-2022 "Counties Matter" calendar. For a full list of eligibility criteria, rules and submission guidelines, visit www.naco.org/ncgm.

The county will highlight its programs and services throughout the month of April at <u>eriecountypa.gov</u> and on its <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> accounts.

"Erie County is proud of the programs and services we provide to our residents," said Dahlkemper. "Our efforts combined with efforts of counties across the country are helping American communities respond to public health needs. I encourage all county residents to celebrate National County Government Month with us to learn how the county can assist you and your loved ones."

Since 1991 the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of counties.

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